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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT : Conference with Field Grade Officers

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1. [REDACTED] proposes that the Director meet monthly with the newly arrived field grade officers of the Services in accordance with "long standing customs and courtesies of the Services."

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2. [REDACTED] proposed memorandum to each individual officer reporting for duty with CIA is not well written and implies that the Director will personally clarify their situations with reference to security, uniform, military career and future assignments. I do not believe that the Director should be bothered with these details.

3. Undoubtedly, officers of the Services would appreciate meeting General Smith personally and such meetings might be good for our relations with the Services. However, it should not be overlooked that our civilian employees are just as anxious to meet the Director personally as are the military personnel. Roughly speaking, GS-13's and above rank with field grade officers. Failure to extend the same courtesies to them might well adversely affect their morale sufficiently to offset any advantage gained by meeting the military as a group. It is, of course, appropriate for the Director personally to see selected military personnel when they enter on duty and when they leave, particularly when they leave, if they have done a fine job.

4. As I understand it, military personnel detailed to CIA do not now receive letters of welcome from the Director as do our civilian employees.

5. Recommend that:

a. A letter similar to that which is addressed to our civilian employees be tailored to appeal to the military and presented to officers when they report for duty.

b. The Director not meet with the military personnel as a group except selected individuals as indicated above.

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